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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated July 6, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 7 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please replace claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 as follows:

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1. A vulcanizing mold for pneumatic tires, comprising:
upper and lower base plates;
upper and lower sidewall mold members for forming tire sidewall portions, said upper and lower sidewall mold members being attached to said upper and lower base plates, respectively;
upper and lower tread mold members for forming a tire tread portion, said upper and lower tread mold members being attached to said upper and lower base plates, respectively;
said upper and lower tread mold members being constituted of upper segments and lower segments, respectively, said upper and lower segments being displaceable only radially relative to said upper and lower sidewall mold members, respectively; and